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Update on COVID-19 Coronavirus situation from East Hampton Town Supervisor Peter Van Scoyoc

As cases of coronavirus are not expected to peak for several more weeks, I urge everyone to remain calm and cautious. Safeguard your own health, and that of others, by staying home, and if you must go out, limit your exposure to other people by keeping a distance of at least 6 feet. Wash your hands and disinfect surfaces frequently.

We all need to work together to limit the spread of coronavirus and reduce the demands on health care services.

I am in daily contact with county and state officials and we are working to address the impacts of the pandemic on the community, from identifying locations for satellite hospital services to planning for ways to assist individuals and businesses economically affected by the shutdowns of workplaces and businesses.

In addition, I have reached out to local food store owners to discuss with them the measures they are taking to sanitize and disinfect and to allow customers to maintain a safe, six-foot distance from one another. I also requested that they institute dedicated store hours for senior citizens and first responders to shop, in order to limit their possible exposure to coronavirus, which a number of stores have already done.

Our supply of food and other goods is secure at this time, though overbuying is causing some temporary shortages. Regional and local suppliers have assured us that the supply chain is dependable. Please do not buy more than you need, so that goods remain available for everyone in the community.

There are a number of community resources available to those in need of food or other kinds of help. Please call the town Human Services Department at 631-329-6939 for information.

In difficult times, our community has always come together to work cooperatively. The situation is changing from day to day, and I am working daily to assure the safety and security of all in East Hampton.